

Major Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science

Prior to declaring a major in Political Science, a student must have credit for one of the following courses: Political Science 1100, 1200, 1300, 1165, 2150, 2300 or 2400.

1. A Bachelor of Science in Political Science consists of a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 33 hours of course work numbered at the 2000 level or higher.
2. (A) At least 24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.
(B) A minimum of 21 credit hours must be taken at The Ohio State University, limiting to 12 hours course work taken in other cities or countries through study at a domestic or foreign institution or other Ohio State-sponsored off-campus programs, and ensuring that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least 15 of these 21 credit hours must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.
3. (A) 9 credits must be taken in the required core classes in political methodology: Political Science 3780, 4781, and 4782 (note that 3780 and 4781 are prerequisites for 4782).
(B) 3 additional credits must be taken in a specialized class in political methodology: Political Science 3549, 4192, or 4553. A graduate or ITV methods course may also be used to satisfy this requirement with instructor consent.
4. Major programs must include at least one course from three of the four subfields in Political Science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory.
5. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
6. A maximum of six credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and relevant research, problems and topics courses.
7. As many as six credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an advisor in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major program.